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EMBOFF, WHO IS PRESENTLY IN NAMIBIA AND WAS PRESENT AT WINDHOEK COURT, REPORTS THAT RUBEN ITENGULA AND BENJAMIN UULENGA WERE SENTENCED YESTERDAY, JULY 15, TO 12 AND 15 YEARS IMPRISONMENT RESPECTIVELY. BOTH HAD BEEN TRIED IN SEPARATE TRIALS ON CHARGES OF ILLEGAL ENTRY INTO NAMIBIA FROM ANGOLA, POSSESSION OF ARMS AND AMMUNITION, INTIMIDATION OF LOCAL POPULACE, AND INTENT TO ENDANGER LAW AND ORDER. UULENGA ALSO CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATION IN AMBUSH OF POLICE. ITENGULA ACCOMPLICES, MICHAEL SHIKANGO AND LAZARUS GUITEB, BOTH SAID TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH SWAPO, WERE SENTENCED TO 5 AND 8 YEARS RESPECTIVELY. FACT THAT AT LEAST UULENGA WAS NOT SENTENCED TO DEATH WAS MET WITH SOME SURPRISE SINCE PRESIDING JUSTICE IS SAID TO HAVE REPUTATION AS "HANGING JUDGE". SWAPO ADHERENTS STAGED DEMONSTRATION OUTSIDE THE COURT AND PARADED ALONG WINDHOEK MAIN STREET. THERE WERE NO SERIOUS INCIDENTS. **BOWDLER**

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